REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-22 were pending in the action and were subject to restriction requirement.

Restriction/Election

Restriction was required between:

I. Claims 1-13;

II. Claims 14-16;

III. Claims 17-19; and

IV. Claims 20-22.

Applicant hereby elects to examine Group I with traverse. Traverse is on the grounds that examination of all the claims would not present an undue burden. The common classification of Groups I and II mitigates in favor of their common examination. Likely search overlap with the classification of Groups III and IV merits their further inclusion.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and requests reconsideration and further examination of the present application. Please charge any fee or deficiency or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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